

*The Court-martial's
address to his Majesty
March 1757.*

*The great Court-Martial now begin to sicken;
They find at last that they are Conscience-stricken.*

*"Sad suppliant, in Byng's behalf we come,
"And humbly hope that You'll defer his doom:*

"Bound by our oath, we cannot yet make clear

"What 'twas we meant; nor ever shall we fear.

"We found him guilty, and we found him not,

"We wish'd him sav'd and wou'd have had him shot.

"But, as at Land, so did we find at sea,

"If we did one, the other could not be.

"Spare him, great Sir, your Royal Mercy shew;

"Shoot him, dread Sir, let Royal Justice flow.

"Regard your Subjects with a pitying eye;

"Contrive the man may — neither live nor die.

THE
FEMALE COURT-MARTIAL.

AT a COURT MARTIAL held upon a certain LADY, which began the 28th of December, 1756, and was held every Day after (Sundays not excepted) till the 27th of January, 1757, inclusive.

LADY T——d,

LADY H——n,

LADY R——d,

LADY Vand——tt,

Mrs. N——r,

Mrs. Fr——b,

Mrs. B——y,

Miss C——y,

LADY L——n,

Fanny M——y,

Peggy W——n,

Hon. Miss T——n—d,

LADY V——e,

Miss —— A——b, Judge Advocate.

The Court having maturely and deliberately considered the Conduct of the Prisoner, returned the following Answer.

It doth not appear to us, that the Prisoner hath been guilty of Disaffection or Disloyalty, or that she was guilty of Cowardice, for it appears on Oath; and by other Circumstances, that she shewed no Backwardness to engage, or any Signs of Fear or Confusion during the Action, either in her Countenance or Behaviour, but from the great Severity of the Law we find ourselves under a Necessity, as there is no alternative left to the Discretion of the Court Martial to find her guilty of Neglect, in not destroying certain Letters which she might have done, and it was her Duty to have burnt and destroyed them. But we are unanimously of Opinion it was only an Error in Judgment, and therefore earnestly recommend her as a proper Object of Mercy.